

Complete Streets Grantee Announcements

■ **Pedestrian & Bicycle Roadway Design: Safe, Smart and Defendable on Friday, September 24 from 10-11:30**

MDCH will be hosting Josh DeBruyn, MDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, to conduct this webinar. If you and/or your partners have been concerned about liability issues, you'll want to participate. Details forthcoming.

■ **Show us your Hard Work!**

As you're working, please send us photos of your projects. We want to showcase Michigan's efforts on Complete Streets and would love to include your photos on our website, presentations and reports as we move forward.

Healthy Community Resources

■ **AmpleHarvest.org enables 40+ million gardeners who grow food in home gardens to be able to donate their excess produce to a local food pantry**

Rolled out nationwide in May 2009 and backed by Google Inc., the USDA, the National Gardening Association, Garden Writers of America, numerous faith and service organization and [many others](#) , AmpleHarvest.org is helping more than [2,500](#) (click [here to see the national map](#) of registered pantries) food pantries across all 50 states get garden fresh produce that would have otherwise been left to rot in a garden or thrown into the trash.

Now that gardeners across the country are busy harvesting food from their home and community gardens, you and your members can easily help the excess harvest get to those who need it most.

- If you know of or work with food pantries in your house or worship or community, please urge them to [register](#) at AmpleHarvest.org (its free!).
- If you know of gardeners in your community, please to make them aware of their opportunity to donate.

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- Encourage local garden shops and nurseries to post [the flier available here](#) in a conspicuous location.
- See if your [local media](#) has urged gardeners to help the hungry. If they haven't, send them [here](#) for all the information they'll need.
- Let your civic leaders and local/state government know about AmpleHarvest.org.
- If you are a gardener, find one [nearby](#) and generously donate your excess garden produce.

■ Child Nutrition Act Passed by Senate

On August 5, the Senate unanimously passed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which would reauthorize federal nutrition programs that are due to expire on September 30, 2010. The bill now moves to the House for deliberation. To find out more information about the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, visit the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry [website](#).

■ Feedback on Menu Labeling Provision

NACCHO is collecting local health department (LHD) comments on the new menu labeling provision in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA 2010). Under Section 4205 of PPACA 2010, a restaurant that is part of a chain with 20 or more locations would be required to disclose calories on the menu board and in a written form and make available to customers upon request additional nutrition information.

In order to ensure that the Food and Drug Administration understands LHD concerns, NACCHO is collecting member feedback on the new law. NACCHO will develop comments on behalf of its members based on survey results received by August 29, 2010. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Access Past SEMCOG University Trainings [here](#)

MDOT Walkable Trainings 2010 Schedule



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>	<u>MDOT Rep</u>
Fri. Aug. 27	Frankenmuth AM	Sheila Stamiris 989-652-3430 ext 120	Cindy Krupp

The Next Step: Taking the MI Good Food Charter to Policymakers
Tuesday, September 7th 12:00 – 1pm EST

Please [REGISTER](#) by Friday September 3rd, 2010
Webinar

Following up on the “Your Guide to the Michigan Good Food Charter” webinar in July, this webinar will discuss how to take the goals and agenda priorities in the [Michigan Good Food Charter](#) to candidates and policymakers. The webinar will cover what you need to know to approach both state and local level policymakers and where to start with different food policy issues, using specific examples from the charter.

Webinar Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

Kathryn Colasanti, C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at MSU

Approaching State Legislative Candidates and State Legislators

Jean Doss, J. Doss Consulting, LLC

Approaching Local Appointed and Elected Officials

Guy Williams, G.O. Williams & Associates, LLC

Q&A and Discussion

If you haven't already, Check out the Michigan Good Food Charter [here](#).

ProWalk/ProBike 2010

September 13-17, 2010

The National Center for Bicycling & Walking
Chattanooga, Tennessee



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Information and Registration [here](#)

Policy Approaches to Healthy Corner Stores Webinar

Tuesday, September 14, 2010, from 3:30-5:00pm EST

Planning for Healthy Places and the Healthy Corner Stores Network
Webinar: Register [Here](#)

Corner store advocates around the country are exploring how policy approaches could incentivize and sustain healthy changes in small stores. The authority of local governments to regulate land use and economic development and levy taxes lends itself to a number of promising policy interventions. Healthy corner store advocates across the country are currently developing a number of promising policy approaches. In some communities, new policies are being developed; in others, existing resources are being redirected to support healthy corner store work.

First, we will provide a basic overview of how land use and economic development tools could be leveraged to require or incentivize healthy food offerings. Then advocates and planners from Seattle, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Minneapolis, and Philadelphia will share their innovative policy approaches to healthy corner stores work.

Competency & Capacity Building Virtual Summit: Evidence-based Practices and Strategies for Working with Vulnerable Populations

September 14, 15 & 16, 2010 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. EDT each day

Join us in a Virtual Summit to build our capacity to work with vulnerable populations in today's world. We will come together as experts and colleagues to learn more about key issues and research impacting our work, discuss effective practices and models, and identify ways to collaborate and continue the effort to advance our field and practice.

The Summit focus areas are:

- Growing Up Poor - Implications & Outcomes
- Economic Stress for Youth and Families
- Inclusive Programming – Reaching Out to the Whole Community



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- Evidence-Based Strategies and Practices for Working With Vulnerable Populations

Registration is now open at:

<http://www.cyfernet.org/vs2010/registration/>

For more information, visit our website:

<http://www.cyfernet.org/vs2010/>

Planning Michigan 2010

October 20-23, 2010

Michigan Association of Planning's Annual Conference

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

Register [Here](#)

Featured speakers:

Kurt Metzger, director, Data Driven Detroit

Steve Tobocman, managing partner, New Solutions Group, LLC, and former state representative

Toni Griffin, Urban Planning and Design for the American City

John Austin, Brookings Institution, Co-Director, Great Lakes Economic Initiative

Phillip Cooley, Slows Bar B Q & O'Connor Development

Mitchell Silver, AICP, PP, APA President-Elect, planning director, City of Raleigh

John Talmage, president, Social Compact

Come and explore Detroit's Eastern Market, Dequindre Cut, and Midtown, to name just a few of the mobile workshops planned.

2010 Michigan Community and School Gardeners Networking Meeting

Saturday, November 13th in Kalamazoo Michigan

This annual event is an excellent opportunity to discuss the innovative community and school gardening work currently taking place around Michigan and Northern Ohio and facilitate the development of communication and resource networks between groups.



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More information to come. Check for updates at www.miyouhandfood.msu.edu under the calendar and events tab!

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) Trainings

Trainings Listed [Here](#)

Webinars Listed [Here](#)

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